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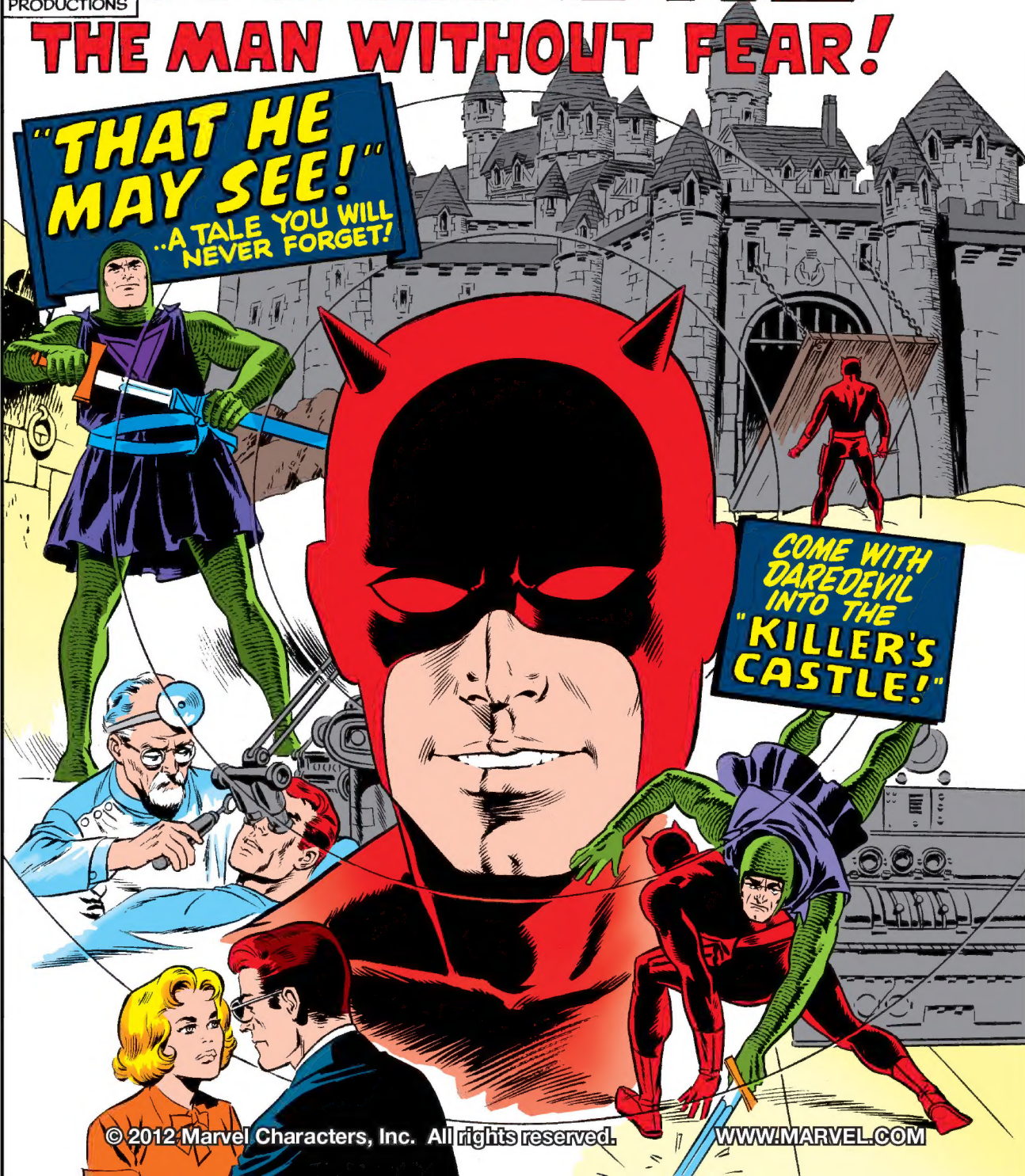
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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

"THAT HE
MAY SEE!"
..A TALE YOU WILL
NEVER FORGET!





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**FEATURING:
THE MURDEROUS
MENACE OF...
THE
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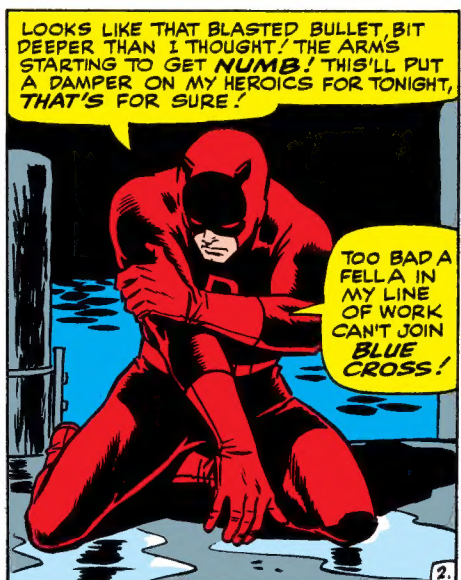
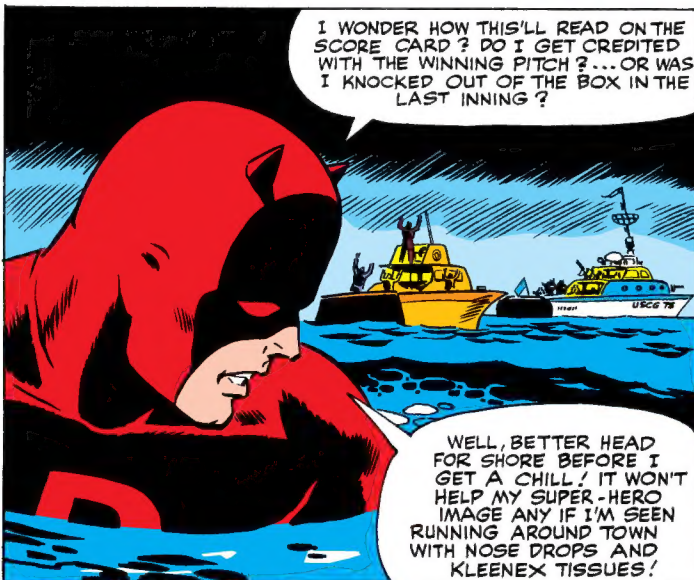
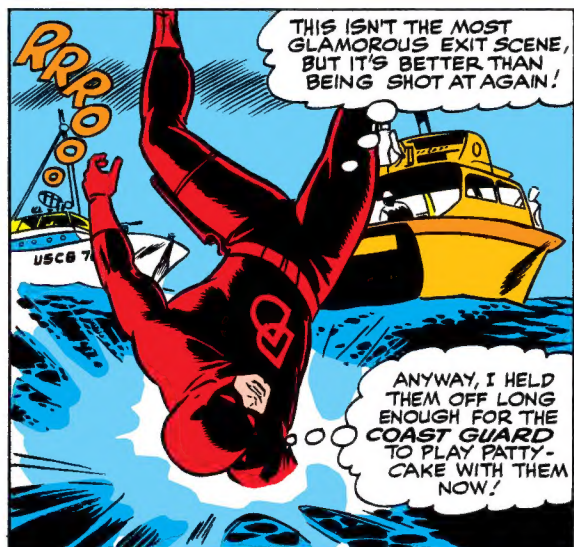
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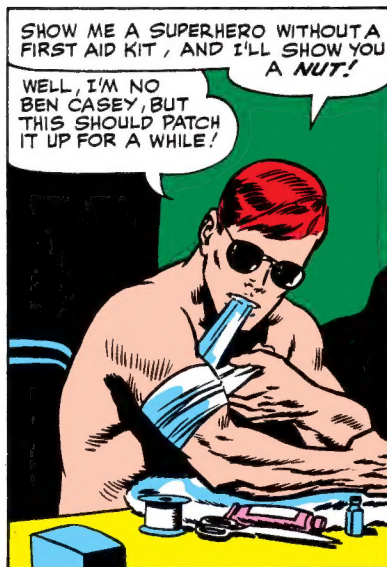
GOOD THING I
WAS IN THE AREA!
SOMEBODY'S
GOT TO STOP
THOSE HIJACKERS
FROM ESCAPING
OUT TO SEA, AND
I'M NOT WEARING
THIS COSTUME
JUST TO CATCH
FLIES!

ARE YOU THE TYPE OF READER
WHO'S IMPRESSED BY LOTS
OF CREDITS? IF SO, TAKE
A SQUINT AT THESE!

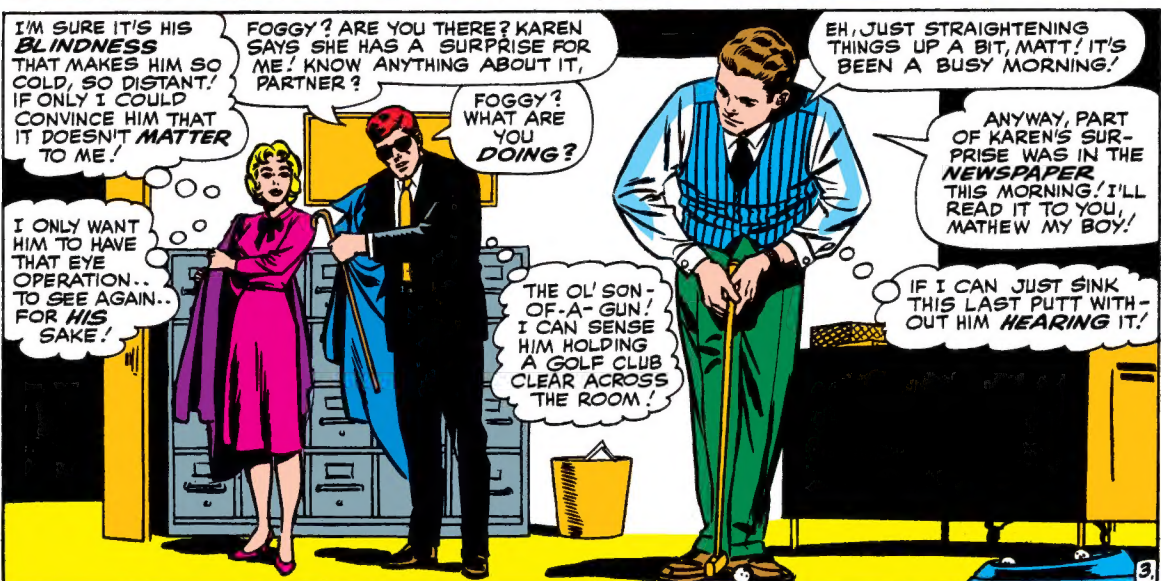
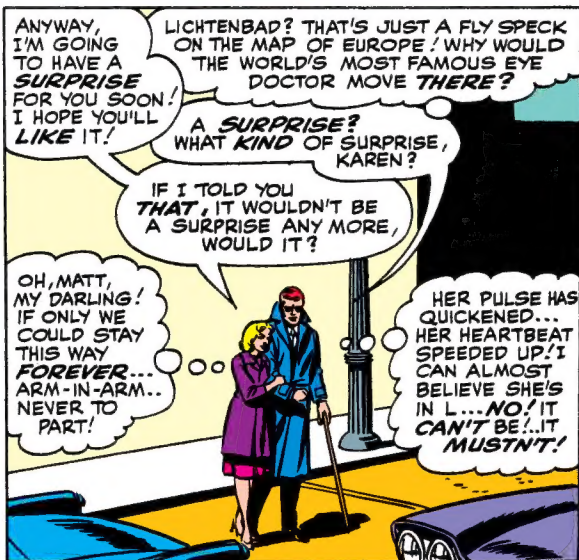
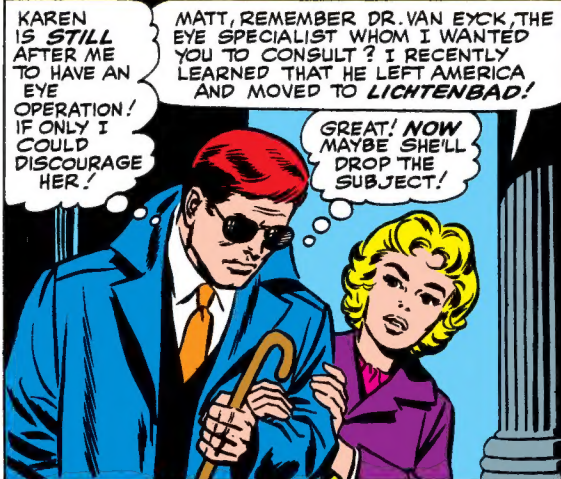
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BOUNCY BOBBY POWELL
BALLOONS, ORDERS and BLURBS by
SWINGIN' SAMMY ROSEN

C'MON, NOW! DON'T DAWDLE TOO LONG OVER
THIS PAGE! YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF ACTION
AWAITING YOU, AND WE WANT YOU TO FACE IT
ALL NICE AND REFRESHED! SO LET'S GO...!





THE NEXT MORNING, OUR SIGHTLESS SWASHBUCKLER MEETS KAREN PAGE ON THE WAY TO WORK. IF YOU'VE NOTHING BETTER TO DO, LET'S JOIN THEM...!



FINALLY... DO YOU REMEMBER SOMEONE NAMED **KLAUS KRUGER**, MATT?

WHO? OH... **SURE**, I DO! WASN'T HE THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT WHO WAS IN OUR CLASS FOR THE FINAL YEAR AT LAW SCHOOL?

HE'S THE ONE!

DUKE VISITS U.S.

KLAUS KRUGER, HEREDITARY RULER OF THE TINY PRINCIPALITY OF LICHTENBAD, ARRIVED IN NEW YORK TODAY FOR A BRIEF VISIT. THE DUKE HAS REFUSED ALL PRESS INTERVIEWS AND DECLINED TO DIVULGE ANY IMMEDIATE DETAILS.

LICHTENBAD RULER, AS HE LEFT AIRPORT.

WELL, WHEN I READ THAT HE WAS IN TOWN, I PHONED HIM AND TOLD HIM ABOUT... **OH!!**

MURDOCK! NELSON! HOW GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

IT'S **KLAUS!** HE'S **HERE!**

COME IN, YOUR EXCELLENCY!

COME NOW! NONE OF THAT "YOUR EXCELLENCY" TALK BETWEEN SUCH OLD FRIENDS!

MATHEW, WHEN THIS YOUNG LADY TOLD ME YOU HAD LOST YOUR SIGHT, I KNEW I HAD TO TAKE YOU BACK TO LICHTENBAD WITH ME!

NOW I GET IT! DR. VAN EYCK IS IN LICHTENBAD... AND THEN, WHEN KAREN READ THAT YOU WERE HERE... THAT'S THE SURPRISE!

BUT, WHY WOULD KLAUS KRUGER BE INTERESTED IN ME NOW?! WE WERE NEVER REALLY THAT FRIENDLY! HE WAS A **STRANGE** ONE... A GIANT OF A MAN... BRILLIANT, ATHLETIC... ALWAYS WITH AN AIR OF **MYSTERY** ABOUT HIM!

WHY DID DR. VAN EYCK GO TO LICHTENBAD, KLAUS?

HE CAME FOR A VACATION... FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE... AND DECIDED TO MAKE HIS HOME THERE!

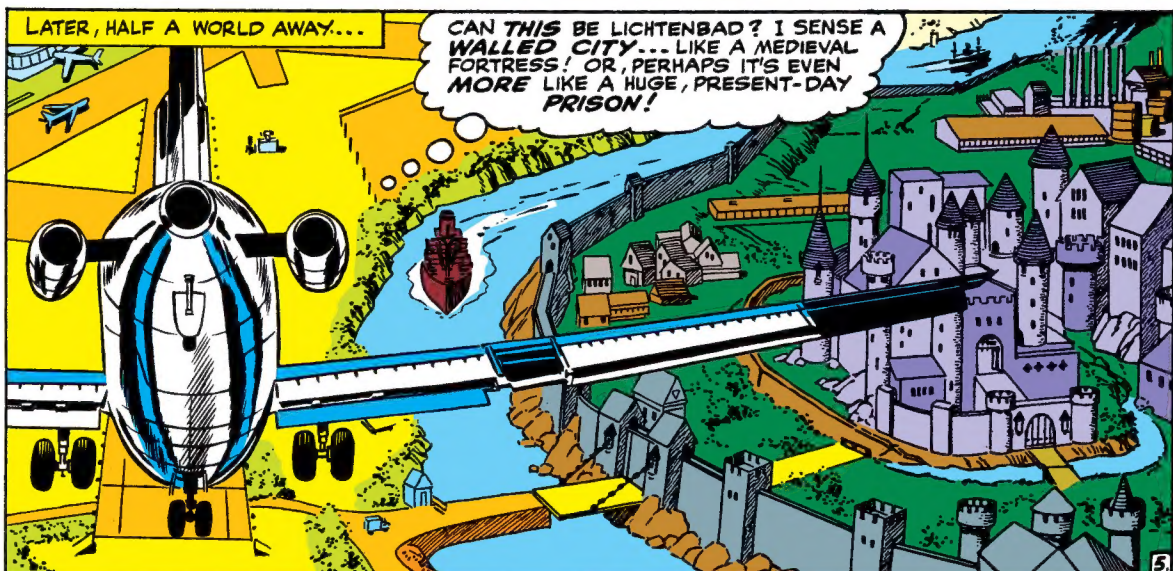
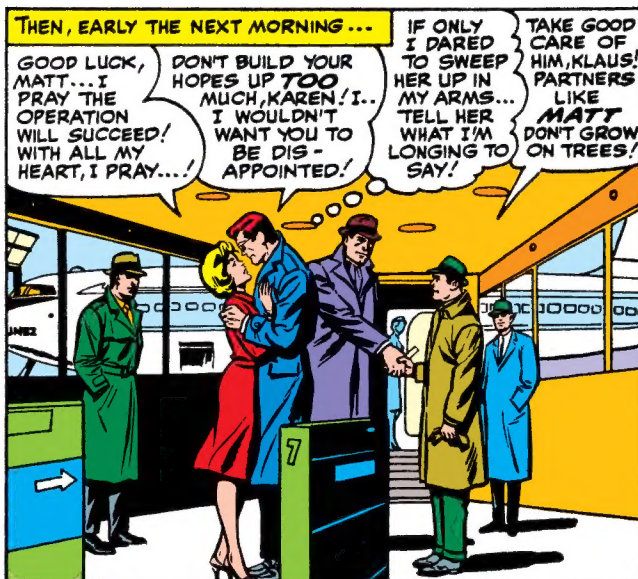
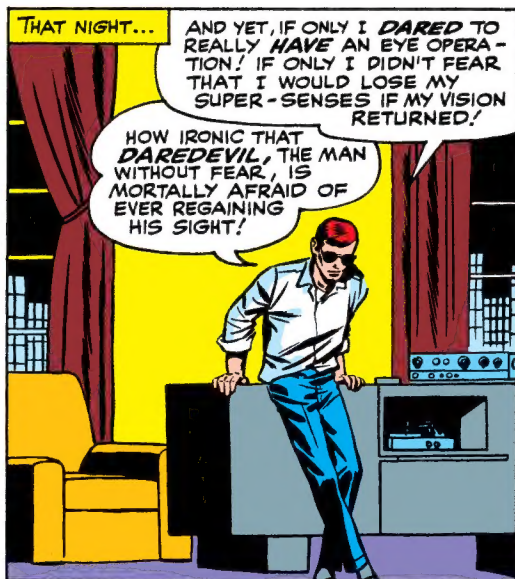
YOU **MUST** GO BACK WITH THE DUKE, MATT! YOU CAN'T PASS UP A CHANCE LIKE THIS...

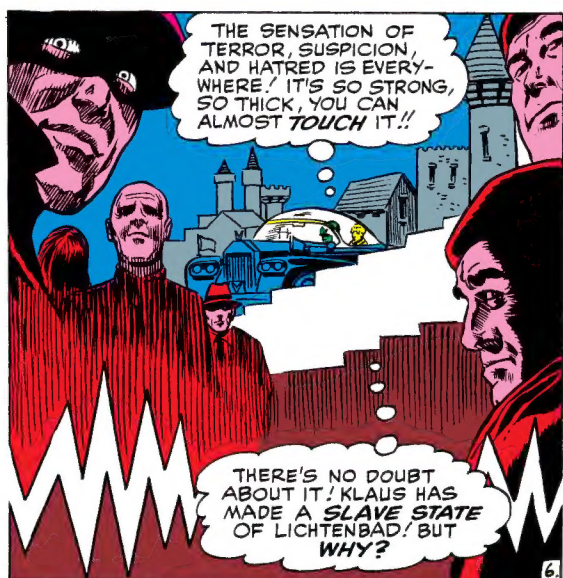
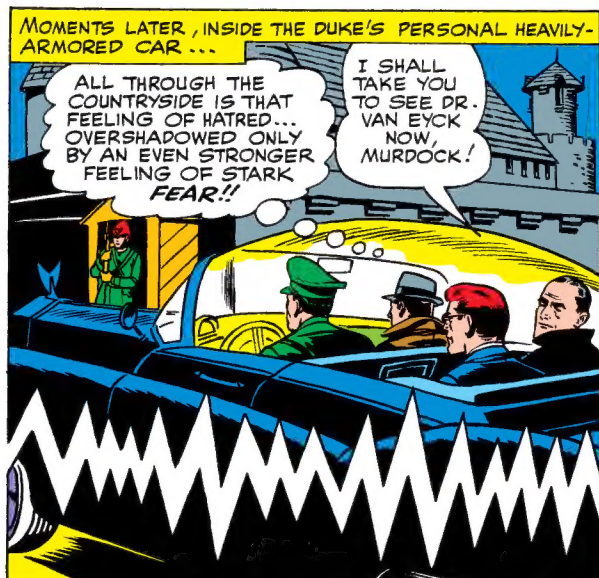
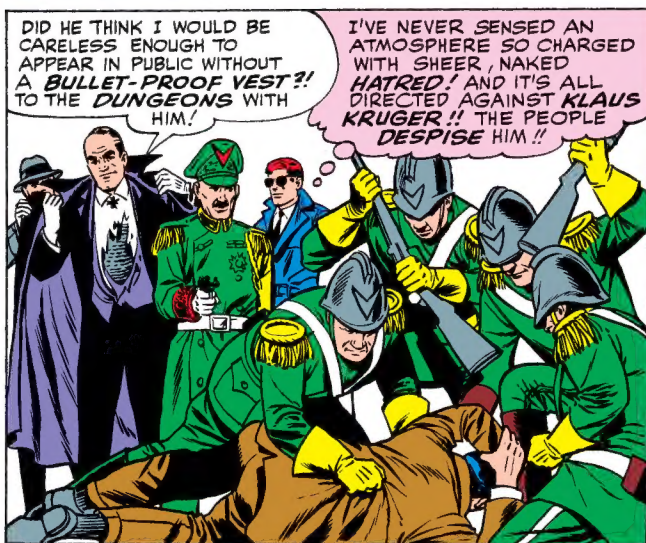
...A CHANCE TO **SEE** AGAIN!

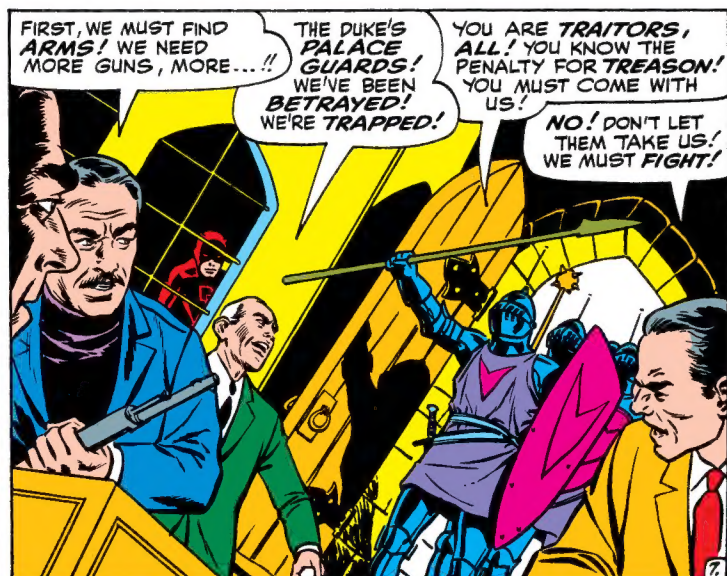
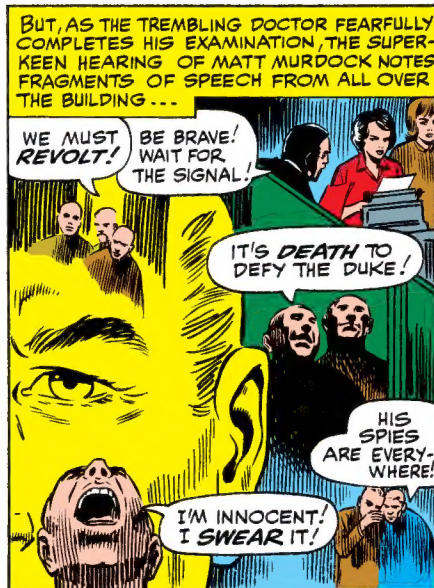
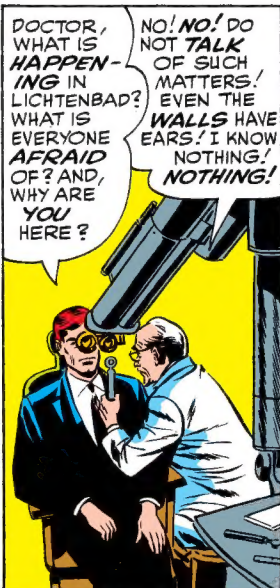
SHE IS **RIGHT**, MY FRIEND! YOU WILL BE **MY GUEST!** YOU SHALL **HAVE** YOUR OPERATION, AND RETURN TO AMERICA WITH YOUR VISION RESTORED!

I **WILL** GO WITH HIM! BUT, FOR A **DIFFERENT** REASON!

I CAN TELL BY HIS PULSE RATE THAT HE'S **LYING!** THE ENTIRE STORY IS A **HOAX!** BUT I DON'T KNOW **WHY!** AND ONE THING I CAN'T RESIST IS A **MYSTERY!**

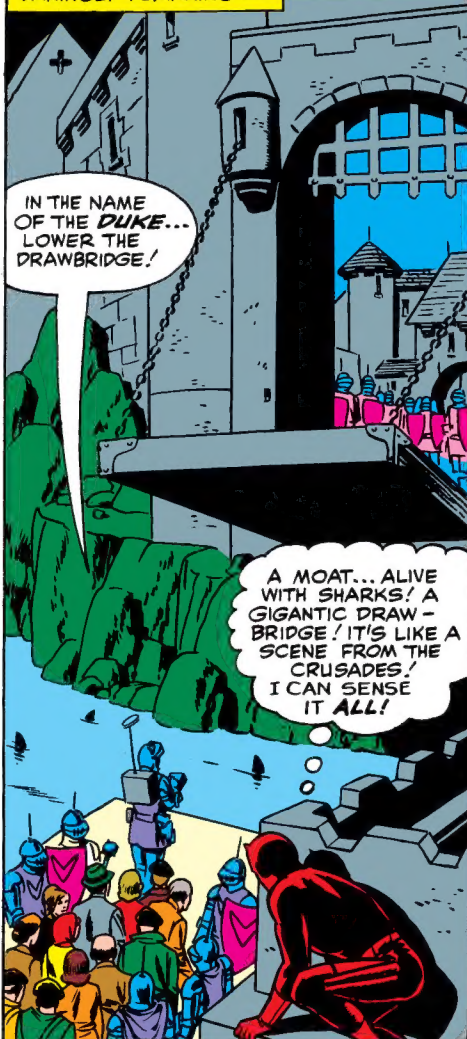




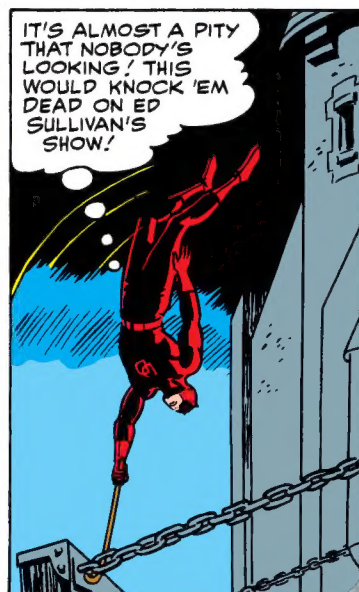




BUT, AS THE HELPLESS PRISONERS ARE BROUGHT TO THE TOWERING CASTLE OF THE DUKE OF LICHTENBAD, THERE IS ONE WHO HAS **FOLLOWED** THEM! SILENTLY, STEALTHILY, PATIENTLY WAITING... DARINGLY PLANNING...



AND, NO SOONER HAS THE FINAL PRISONER BEEN LED ACROSS, WHEN...





AT THAT MOMENT, A HUGE MECHANIZED STEEL DOOR SLIDES OPEN, SUDDENLY REVEALING THE PRESENCE OF A LEERING KLAUS KRUGER, SURROUNDED BY POWERFUL PALACE GUARDS IN THE ORNATE THRONE ROOM OF LICHTENBAD ...!

COME FORWARD, INTRUDER! LET ME **LOOK** AT YOU! IT IS ONLY FITTING I LEARN THE IDENTITY OF ANY I AM ABOUT TO THROW INTO MY DUNGEON!

I HAVE NOT SEEN THAT COSTUME IN MY KINGDOM BEFORE! AND, AFTER TODAY, NONE SHALL EVER SEE IT AGAIN! REMAIN **MOTIONLESS** WHEN I SPEAK TO YOU!



YOUR COSTUMED DISGUISE CAN MEAN ONLY **ONE** THING! **YOU** MUST BE THE LEADER OF THE UNDERGROUND! **YOU** MUST BE THE ONE WHO HAS PLANNED THE REVOLT AGAINST ME! THEREFORE, YOU MUST **DIE**!



AT LEAST HE DOESN'T YET SUSPECT WHO I REALLY **AM**!

OKAY, KIDDIES! IF YOU **WANT** ME, COME AND **GET** ME!



BUT DON'T EXPECT ME TO STAND AROUND AND WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS!! I'M MORE THE **SHY** TYPE MYSELF!





I'LL **ADMIT** YOU'RE A LOT OF LAUGHS, GANG, BUT IT'S THE **DUKE** I'M AFTER!

SO, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...



ONE LITTLE GAS PROJECTILE OUGHT TO GET YOUR MIND OFF **DUNGEONS** FOR A WHILE, SWEETIE!

YOU ARE A MOST ABLE FIGHTER, MY FRIEND...

BUT YOU HAVE BITTEN OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW!



NO GAS PELLET IN THE WORLD CAN AFFECT A SOVEREIGN WISE ENOUGH TO SIT BEHIND AN UNSEEN, IMPENETRABLE **FORCE SHIELD!**



AND, YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED THAT A ROBOT MAY BE KNOCKED DOWN, BUT...UNLIKE A HUMAN...IT IS NEVER **OUT** UNTIL IT HAS BEEN **DESTROYED!**

OHhhh! MY INJURED **ARM!**

THOP!



WELL DONE, MY LOYAL CREATIONS!! NOW! THROW HIM INTO THE DUNGEON WITH THE OTHERS...TO AWAIT MY PLEASURE!

THUS, IT COMES TO PASS THAT WHEN THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FINDS HIMSELF MANACLED TO AN UNBREAKABLE POST, WITH THE SARDONIC SOUND OF KLAUS KRUGER'S LAUGHTER RINGING IN HIS EARS....!

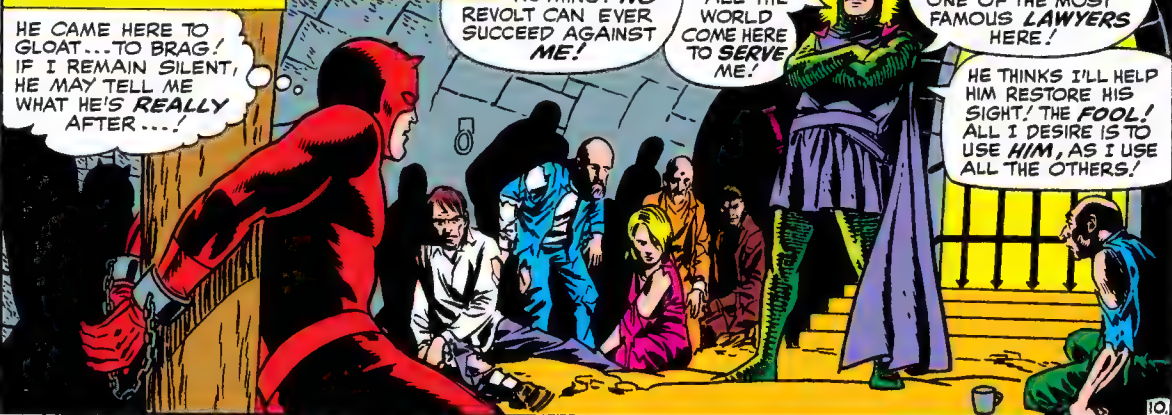
HE CAME HERE TO GLOAT...TO BRAG! IF I REMAIN SILENT, HE MAY TELL ME WHAT HE'S **REALLY** AFTER....!

I WON'T EVEN **BOTHER** UNMASKING YOU YET! YOUR IDENTITY MEANS NOTHING! **NO** REVOLT CAN EVER SUCCEED AGAINST **ME!**

EACH PASSING HOUR, EACH PASSING DAY I GROW **STRONGER**, AS THE BEST BRAINS IN ALL THE WORLD COME HERE TO **SERVE** ME!

WEEKS AGO, I CAPTURED THE WORLD'S GREATEST EYE SURGEON! ONLY YESTERDAY I BROUGHT ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS **LAWYERS** HERE!

HE THINKS I'LL HELP HIM RESTORE HIS SIGHT! THE **FOOL!** ALL I DESIRE IS TO USE **HIM**, AS I USE ALL THE OTHERS!





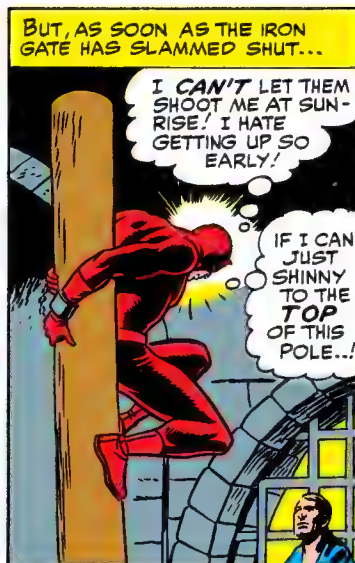
LITTLE BY LITTLE, BY TRICKERY AND DECEIT, I SHALL FORCE THE GREATEST MEN IN EVERY FIELD TO SERVE ME!

AND, AIDED BY THEIR BRAINS AND TALENT... AND MY OWN WEALTH AND CUNNING, I SHALL BUILD A ROBOT ARMY WHICH SHALL CONQUER THE EARTH!



WHEW! HE'S AS NUTTY AS A FRUITCAKE! BUT, SO WAS A LITTLE HOUSEPAINTER NAMED HITLER, AND LOOK AT THE DAMAGE HE CAUSED!

YOU WILL BE SHOT AT SUN-RISE, WITH THE OTHERS!



BUT, AS SOON AS THE IRON GATE HAS SLAMMED SHUT...

I CAN'T LET THEM SHOOT ME AT SUN-RISE! I HATE GETTING UP SO EARLY!

IF I CAN JUST SHINNY TO THE TOP OF THIS POLE...



THE MASKED MAN DID IT!! HE IS FREE!

I APPRECIATE YOUR ENTHUSIASM, MA'AM, BUT KEEP IT QUIET, HUH?



FIRST THING TO DO NOW IS GET MY HANDS IN FRONT, WHERE I CAN USE THEM!

HE IS AS NIMBLE AS A CIRCUS ACROBAT!

THANKS A HEAP, PAL! AND I DON'T EVEN BELONG TO ACTORS' EQUITY!



BUT, EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE FREE, HOW CAN YOU ESCAPE FROM THIS BARRED DUNGEON ??

FUNNY, I'VE BEEN WONDERING THE SAME THING!



I HEAR A GUARD OUTSIDE! SHOUT FOR HIM! HURRY!

GUARD!! HELP!! COME QUICK! GUARD... PLEASE... HELP!

OKAY! OKAY! DON'T HAM IT UP!



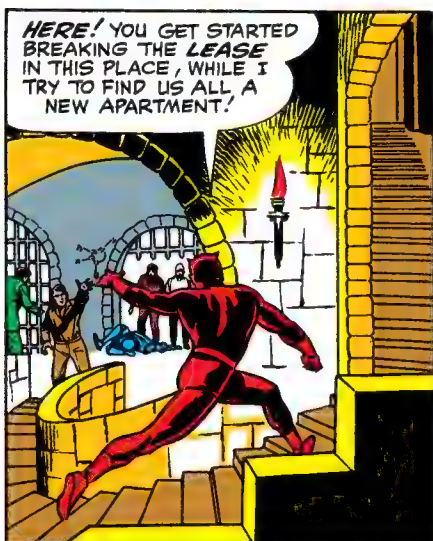
THEN, AS THE UNSUSPECTING FIGURE ENTERS THE GLOOMY DUNGEON ...



ALL RIGHT... *HE'S* NOT GONNA BOTHER US FOR A WHILE! SOMEBODY GRAB HIS KEY RING NOW!

BUT...EVEN IF WE CAN FLEE THE DUNGEON... HOW WILL WE GET OVER THE CASTLE *MOAT?* THE DRAW-BRIDGE IS ALWAYS *RAISED!*

YOU MUST SPEND EVERY SPARE MINUTE DREAMING UP QUESTIONS!



HERE! YOU GET STARTED BREAKING THE *LEASE* IN THIS PLACE, WHILE I TRY TO FIND US ALL A NEW APARTMENT!



MMM, *THIS* IS WHAT I WANT! I CAN HEAR THE DRONE OF ELECTRIC CIRCUITS INSIDE THIS WALL PANEL!

WHY DO YOU PAUSE ON THE *STAIR* THAT WAY?

I THOUGHT IT WAS A *BUS STOP!* WHY ELSE?



NOW YOU WASTE TIME STRIKING THE *WALL??* I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

LOOK, CAN'T YOU FIND SOMEONE *ELSE* TO PLAY 20-QUESTIONS WITH? I'M *BUSY!*

THAK!

ONE KARATE BLOW OUGHT TO DO IT!



OH! NOW I SEE WHAT YOU DID!

WELL, HAPPY DAY! THIS SHORT CIRCUIT OUGHT TO LOWER THE DRAW-BRIDGE! SO *MOVE!*



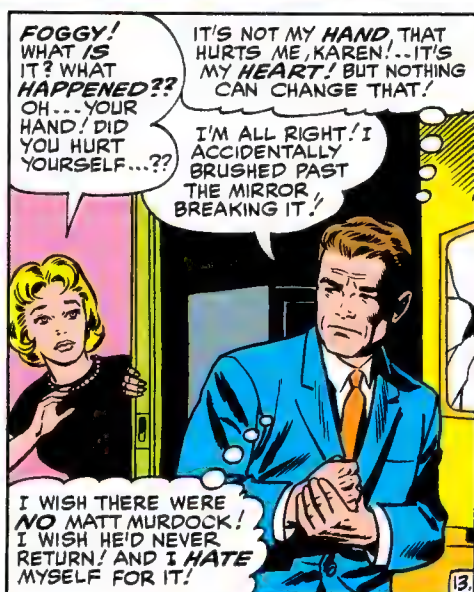
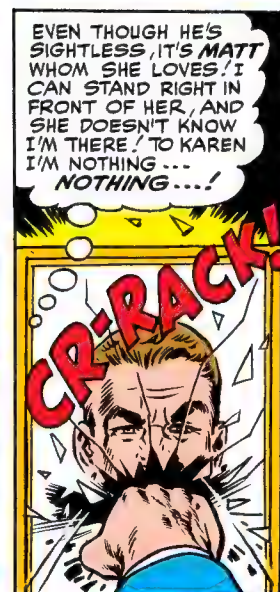
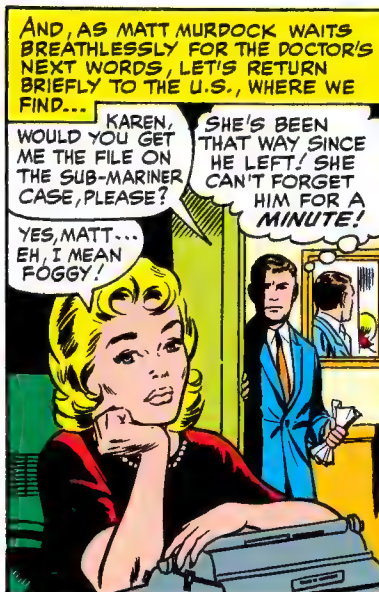
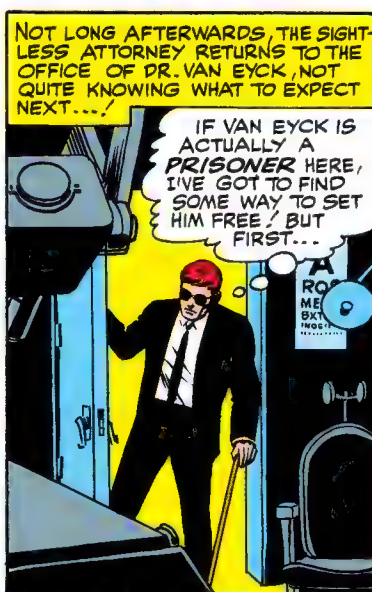
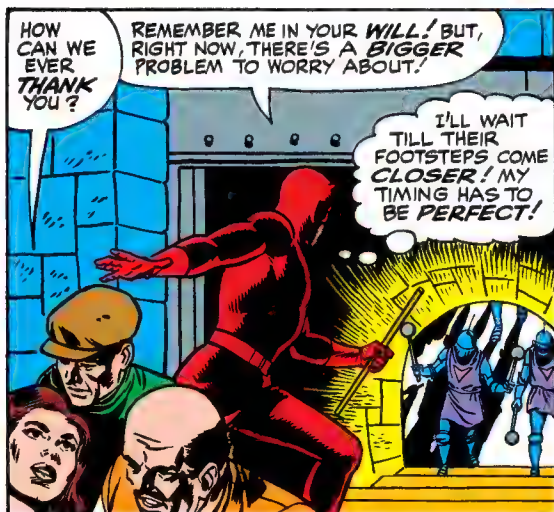
ONE MAN ALONE... ACCOMPLISHED SO *MUCH!* IT IS LIKE A *DREAM!*

LISTEN! THE ALARMS! WE'RE NOT SAFE YET!

BRRINNG! BRRINNG! BRRINNG!

RUN! I'LL HOLD OFF THE GUARDS!!

BRRINNG!



MEANWHILE, BACK IN LICHTENBAD...

YOU'VE **ALREADY** EXAMINED ME, DOC! WHY THIS ROUTINE AGAIN?

SHH! LOWER YOUR VOICE! I WANT TO WARN YOU... YOU ARE IN GREAT DANGER HERE...

EVEN IF THE OPERATION IS A SUCCESS, THE DUKE WILL NEVER LET YOU LEAVE ALIVE! YOU'RE A **PRISONER**... AS I AM!

THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE! IF **YOU** CAN ESCAPE... IF YOU CAN NOTIFY THE EMBASSY... **OH!!!**

OUR **HIDDEN MICROPHONES** HAVE PICKED UP YOUR TREASONOUS REMARKS! YOU MUST BE **PUNISHED**, DOCTOR! **SEIZE HIM!**

KRUGER'S INHUMAN GUARD!!

REMAIN HERE, SIGHTLESS ONE! YOUR FATE WILL BE DECIDED LATER...

IT'S **MY** FAULT, MURDOCK! IF ONLY I HADN'T SPOKEN!

DON'T BLAME YOURSELF, DOC! YOU DID YOUR BEST!

AND DON'T DESPAIR! THINGS MAY NOT BE AS HOPELESS AS THEY SEEM!

THEY'VE TAKEN HIM AWAY! I'M **ALONE** HERE NOW!

OKAY, KRUGER! IT'S BEEN **YOUR** BALL GAME TILL NOW... BUT IT'S TIME FOR A **CHANGE!!**

I'VE NEVER TACKLED A HEAD OF STATE BEFORE, BUT IN **THIS** CASE, I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!

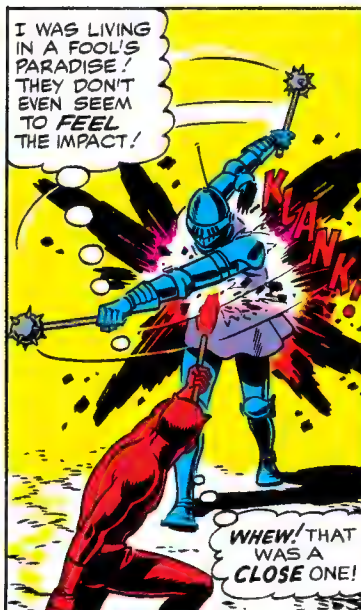
HERE'S WHERE **DAREDEVIL** RETURNS TO THAT KILLER'S CASTLE... FOR THE **LAST** TIME!

AND, AS THE SWASHBUCKLING MAN WITHOUT FEAR SWINGS OUT OVER THE STREETS OF LICHTENBAD, HE REALIZES...

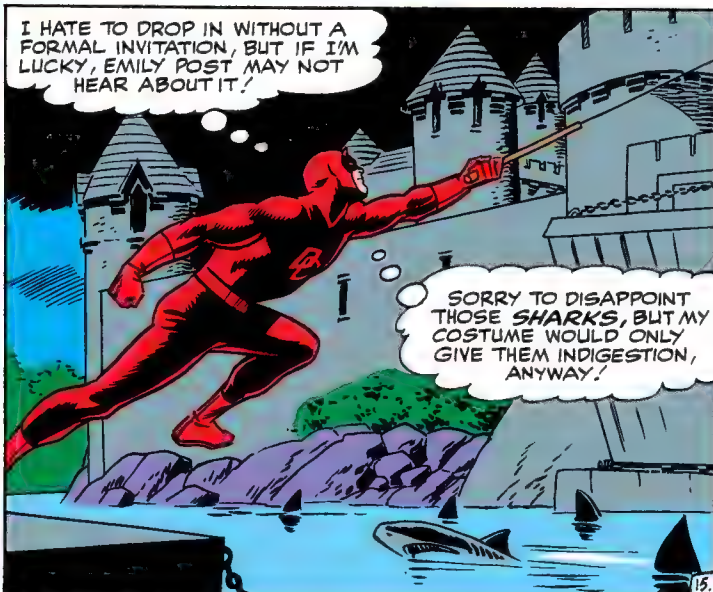
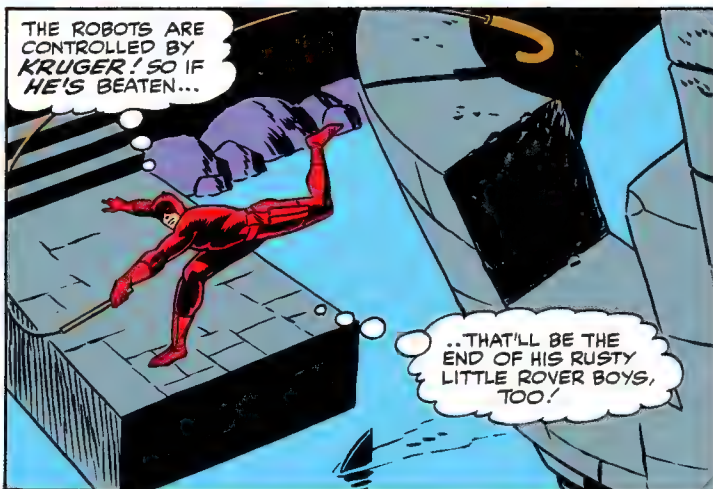
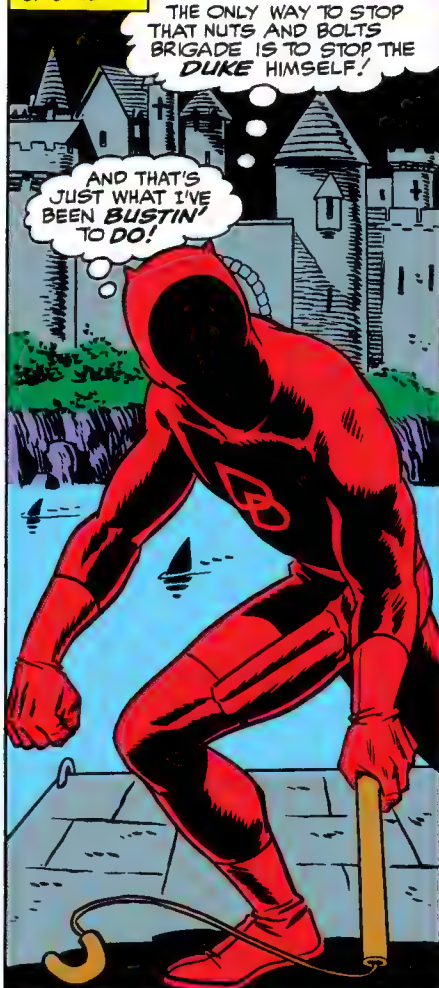
MY TIMING IS **PERFECT!** THE PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY BROKEN OUT IN **OPEN REVOLT!**

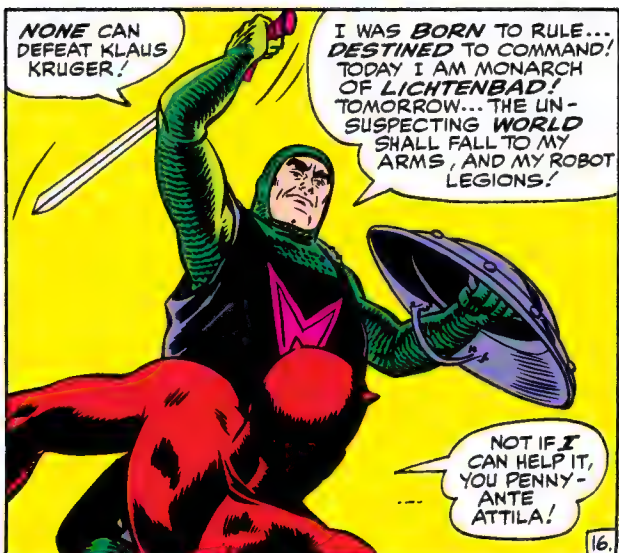
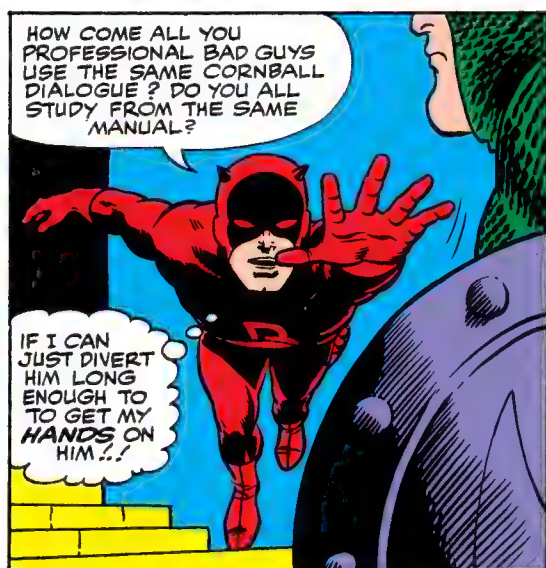
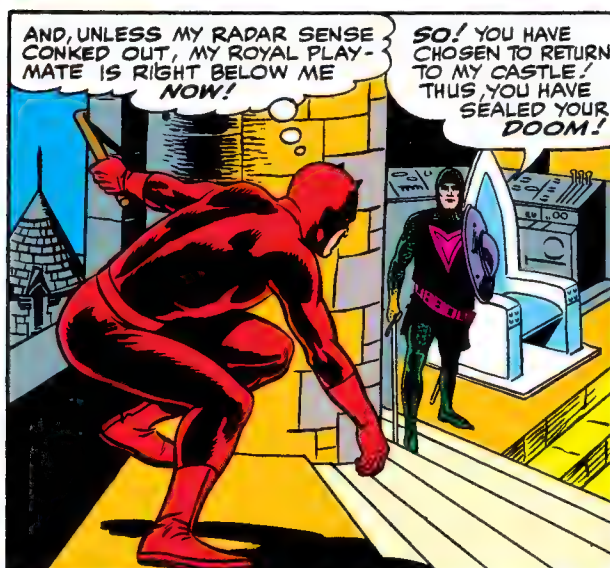
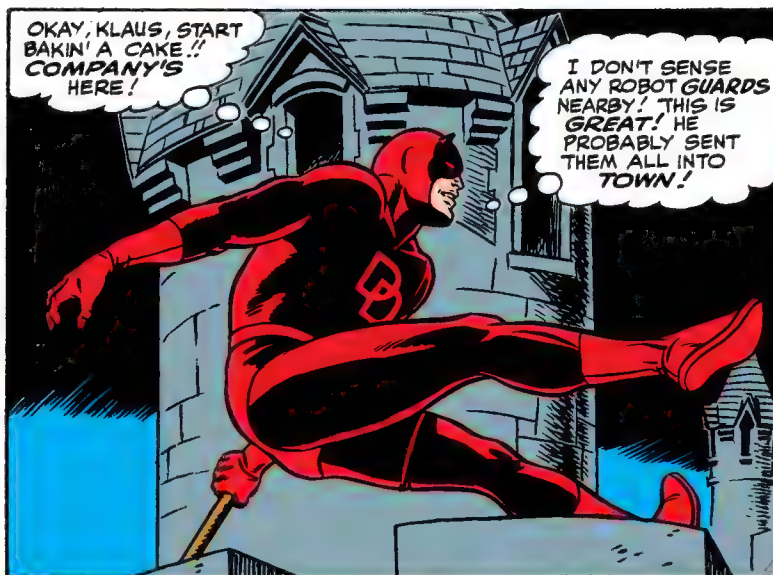
I'VE GOT TO **HELP** THEM ANYWAY I CAN!

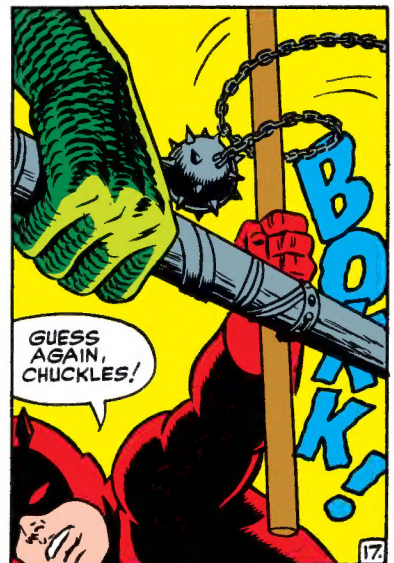
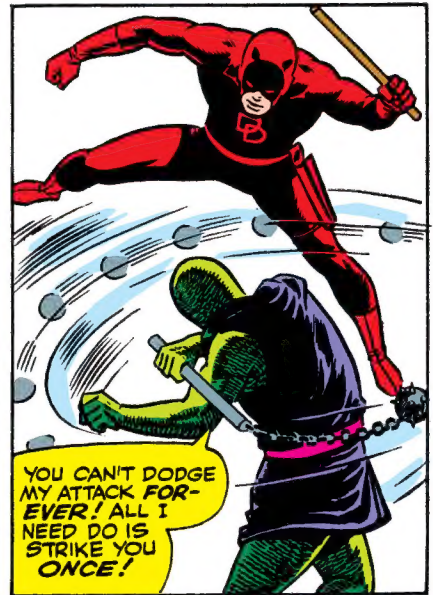
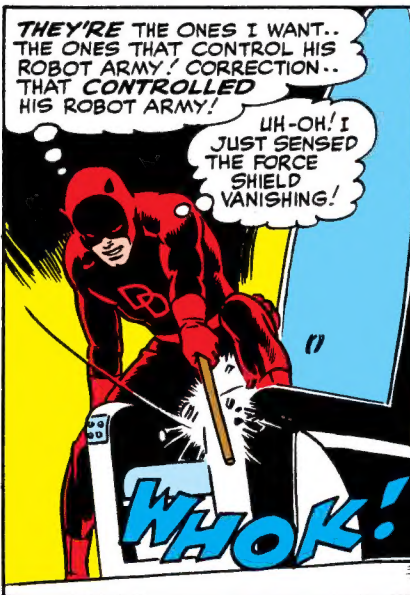
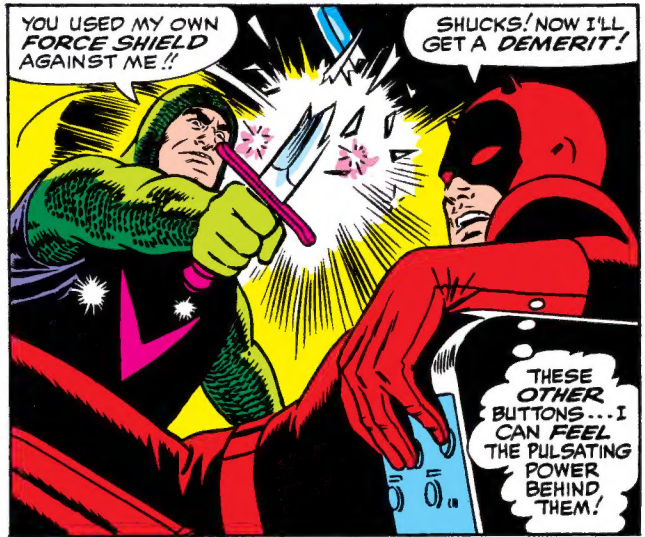
AND THERE'S NO TIME LIKE THE **PRESENT!**

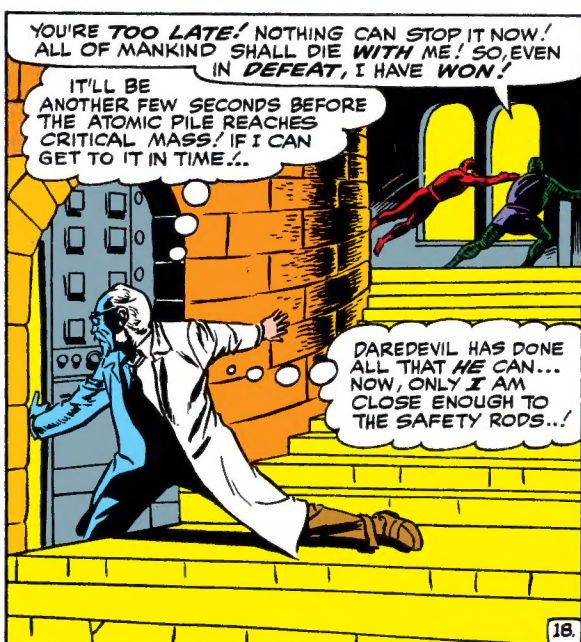
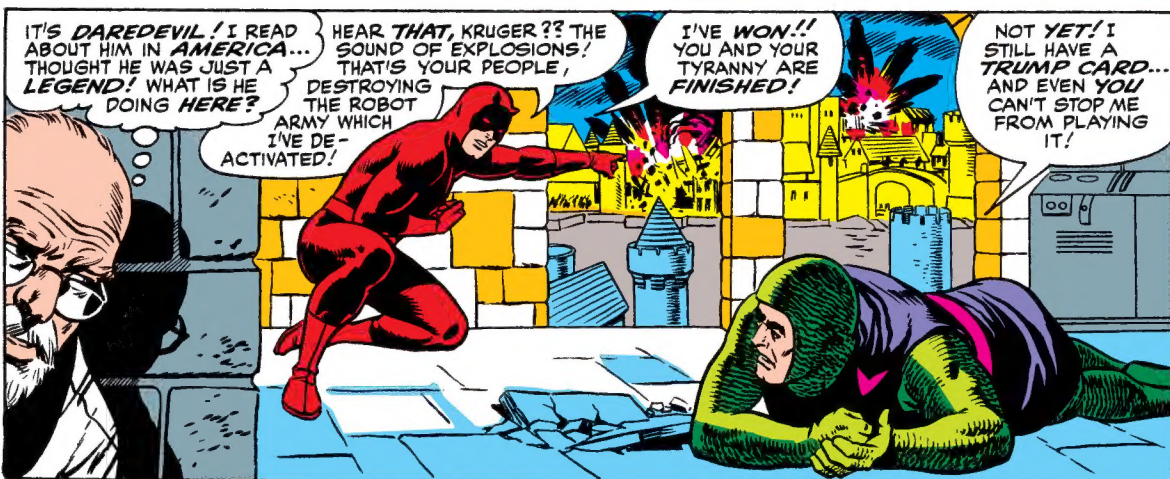
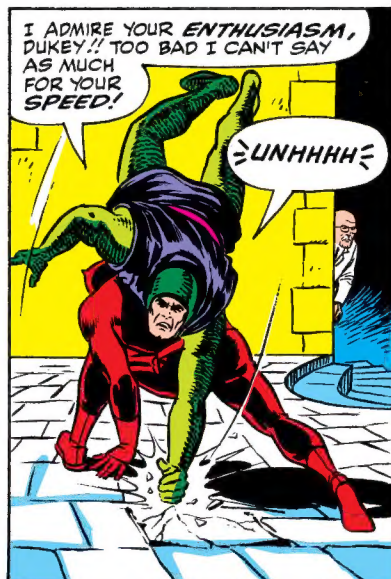


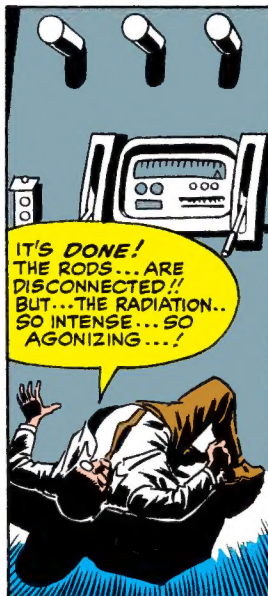
WITHOUT A SECOND'S PAUSE, DAREDEVIL TURNS AND OUTDISTANCES THE SLOW-MOVING ROBOTS UNTIL HE REACHES THE MOAT SURROUNDING KLAUS KRUGER'S CASTLE...





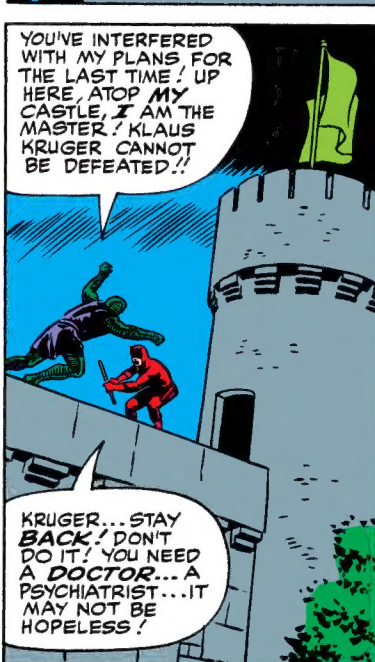
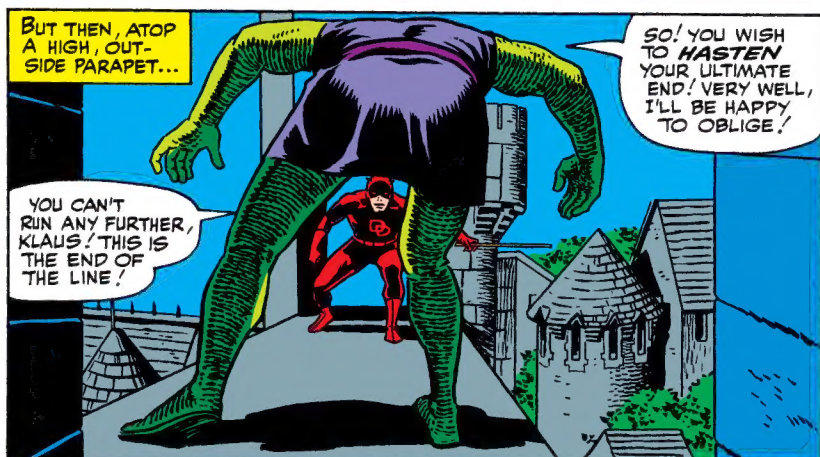


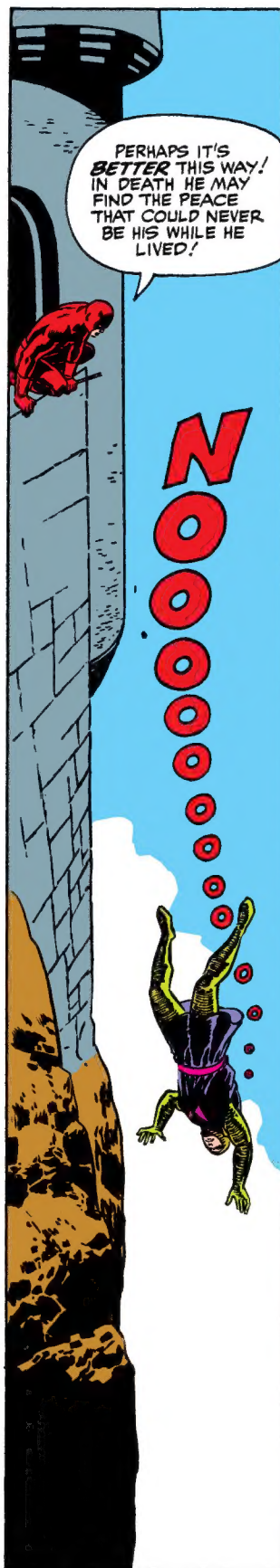




WHILE, ON THE STAIRWAY OUT-
SIDE, DAREDEVIL'S SUPER-KEEN
SENSES TELL HIM THAT THE
DANGER IS PAST...!

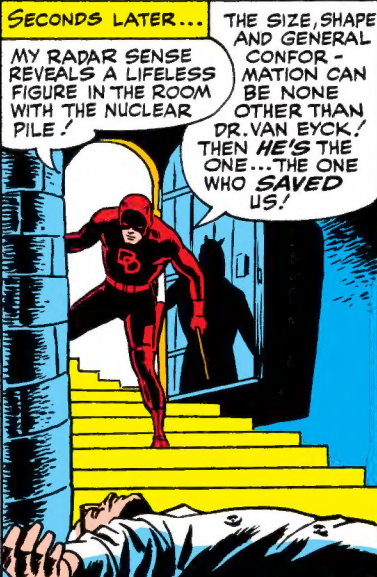
SOMETHING INTERFERED
WITH THE NUCLEAR PILE...
THE WORLD'S **SAFE** AGAIN!
SO I CAN REALLY
CONCENTRATE ON
THE JOB AT HAND!





PERHAPS IT'S **BETTER** THIS WAY! IN DEATH HE MAY FIND THE PEACE THAT COULD NEVER BE HIS WHILE HE LIVED!

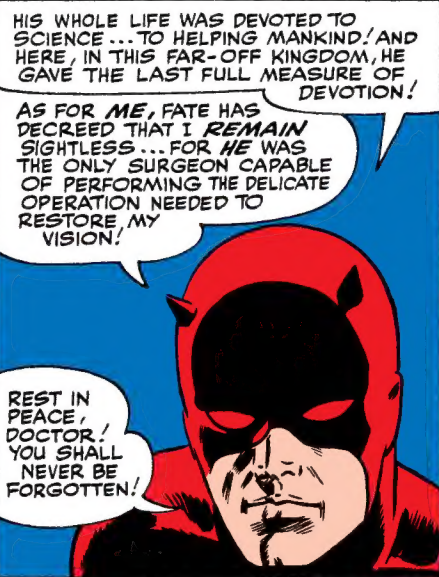
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SECONDS LATER...

MY RADAR SENSE REVEALS A LIFELESS FIGURE IN THE ROOM WITH THE NUCLEAR PILE!

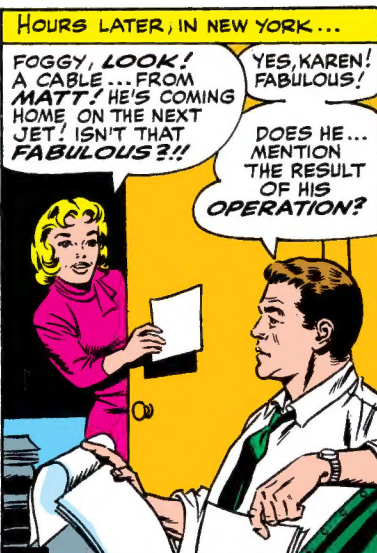
THE SIZE, SHAPE AND GENERAL CONFORMATION CAN BE NONE OTHER THAN DR. VAN EYCK! THEN HE'S THE ONE... THE ONE WHO **SAVED** US!



HIS WHOLE LIFE WAS DEVOTED TO SCIENCE... TO HELPING MANKIND... AND HERE, IN THIS FAR-OFF KINGDOM, HE GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION!

AS FOR **ME**, FATE HAS DECREED THAT I **REMAIN** SIGHTLESS... FOR **HE** WAS THE ONLY SURGEON CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DELICATE OPERATION NEEDED TO RESTORE MY VISION!

REST IN PEACE, DOCTOR! YOU SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!



HOURS LATER, IN NEW YORK...

FOGGY, LOOK! A CABLE... FROM **MATT**! HE'S COMING HOME ON THE NEXT JET! ISN'T THAT **FABULOUS**?!!

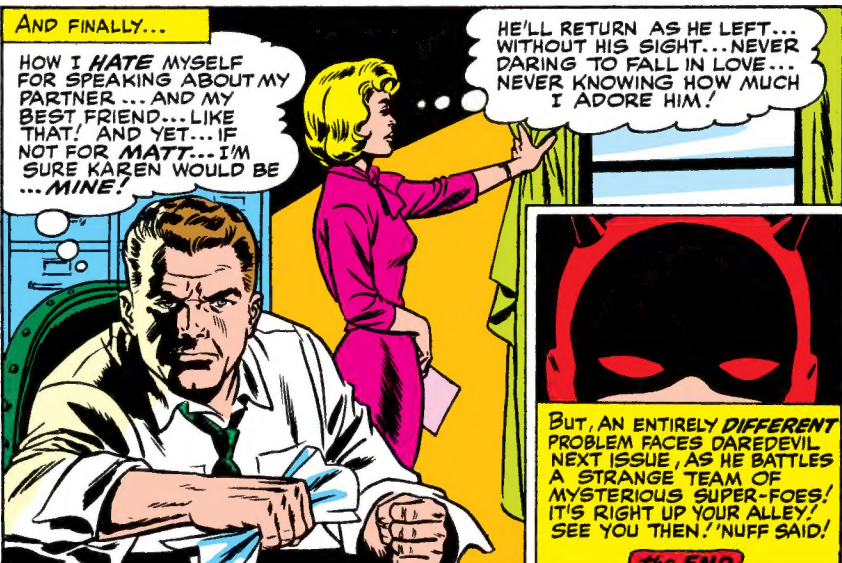
YES, KAREN! **FABULOUS**!

DOES HE... MENTION THE RESULT OF HIS OPERATION?



THERE WAS NO OPERATION! HE SAYS HE'LL EXPLAIN WHEN HE RETURNS! I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED?

IT SEEMS PRETTY OBVIOUS! HE LOST HIS **NERVE** AT THE LAST MINUTE! OUR FRIEND **MATT** IS NOT EXACTLY THE BRAVEST OF MEN!



AND FINALLY...

HOW I **HATE** MYSELF FOR SPEAKING ABOUT MY PARTNER... AND MY BEST FRIEND... LIKE THAT! AND YET... IF NOT FOR **MATT**... I'M SURE KAREN WOULD BE... **MINE**!

HE'LL RETURN AS HE LEFT... WITHOUT HIS SIGHT... NEVER DARING TO FALL IN LOVE... NEVER KNOWING HOW MUCH I **ADORE** HIM!

BUT, AN ENTIRELY **DIFFERENT** PROBLEM FACES DAREDEVIL NEXT ISSUE, AS HE BATTLES A STRANGE TEAM OF MYSTERIOUS SUPER-FOES! IT'S RIGHT UP YOUR ALLEY! SEE YOU THEN! 'NUFF SAID!

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